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September 12, 2011

Ms. Joy Morrissey, Board Chair
Atlanta Citizen Review Board
City Hall Tower, Suite 9100
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Complaint #11-21/Shequita Walker

Dear Ms. Morrissey:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter dated August 16, 2011, recommending that the allegations of false arrest and excessive force be Sustained and Not Sustained, respectively, against Officer Kenneth Thomas in the arrest of Shequita Walker on April 21, 2011.

At this time, the Office of Professional Standards has not concluded its investigation into the allegations surrounding the incident on Boulevard. Therefore, in an effort to be in compliance with the City Ordinance [Sec. 2-2211 (o)], I am obligated at this time to Reject your recommendations as it is imperative that the Department afford our employees their due process. Once the Office of Professional Standards has completed its investigation, I will reconsider the recommendation of your board.

Major E. B. Dancy, Commander of the Office of Professional Standards, can be contacted at (404) 658-7028, if you have any further concerns regarding this complaint.

Sincerely,

George N. Turner
Chief of Police